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### CATAWBA COUNTY HONORS EMPLOYEES WITH 25 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE

Catawba County Government renewed an annual tradition on April 23rd, honoring employees with 25 or more years of service at the twenty-fifth annual Quarter Century Club luncheon at the Catawba Country Club. Many current members of the club celebrated with retired County employees who served with the County for 25 or more years, enjoying lunch and a program of music by the CVCC Show Choir.

Catawba County formed the Quarter Century Club in 1986. A highlight of this year's program was the recognition of fourteen new Quarter Century Club members, including one who reached 25 years of service in 2009 and then retired.

The new members bring the total number of active employees in the club to fifty for the club's special silver anniversary. They are, in alphabetical order:



**New Quarter Century Club members for 2010 included: (front row left to right) Kelly Isenhour, Adrena Phillips, Susan Moser, Lynn Reed, Phyllis Sipe, Sue Brewer. (Back row, left to right) David Hewat, C. K. Day, Michael Hale, Jerry Boggs, Wilce Ikerd. Not pictured: Gary Bolick, Renee Hart, Ona Scruggs**

**Jerry W. Boggs – E911 Administrator, Technology.** Jerry joins the Quarter Century Club with 25 years, 1 month of service. He is a native of Catawba County. He first worked for the County from 1972 until 1977; then returned in 1990 to be a part of the beginning of the 911 Center. In 1996 and 2000, he was named Telecommunicator of the Year and he served as president of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association in 2008/2009. Jerry is married to Angela; has a son Jason (who works as a Fire Investigator with the County); two daughters, Kristy and Breanna; five grandchildren; and a four-legged family member, Ginger Snap, a six-year-old dachshund. He is an avid outdoorsman.

**Gary R. Bolick – Chief Trainer/EMT-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Services.** Gary enters the club with 25 years, 8 months of service. When Gary joined Catawba County EMS, it was the leading EMS department in the state. He wanted to be part of such an organization—and he wanted to remain in Catawba County. He has been EMS Employee of the Year twice—in 1992 and 2009. In 1992, he was named “Chief Trainer.” In 1984, he graduated from CVCC with an Associate in Applied Science in the EMS program and received the “Outstanding Student Award.” Gary is married to Laura and they have three sons, 17-year-old Justin, 15-year-old Daniel, and 9-year-old Andrew. He enjoys scuba diving, spending time with his family, and family beach activities (fishing, crabbing). The family keeps busy with school club activities and high school soccer.

**Sue H. Brewer, Office Support Specialist, Tax.** Sue joins the QCC with 25 years, 3 months of service. She is a native of Wilkes County where she lived until she and husband, Larry, were married. After a stay in Gaston County, they moved to Catawba County in 1977. She was hired by the Board of Elections office where she worked for nearly 9 years until they moved to Onslow County, then Cleveland, and then back to Catawba County. In 1993, Sue took a job

with Social Services but then transferred to the Tax office. She enjoyed living and working in all those places, but feels Catawba County is home and hopes to be in her current position until retirement—whenever that may be! Sue and her husband, Larry, who is Catawba County's Board of Elections Director, have a daughter, Sharon. Sharon is married to Allen Carlisle and they have two children, Caitlyn and Landon. Sue and Larry enjoy working in their yard and with their flowers, where there seems to always be something to be done. They also enjoy feeding and watching the many birds, squirrels and other animals playing there.

**Carlton K. (C.K.) Day, Jr. – Captain/Patrol Operations Commander, Sheriff's Office.** C.K. joins the club with 25 years of service. He is a native of Alamance County. He worked as a police officer for a small municipality before joining the Sheriff's Office. He wanted a larger agency with more opportunity for career advancement and personal growth. C.K. felt then, and still feels, that the Catawba County Sheriff's Office is the best and most professional local law enforcement agency and that Catawba County is the best place to work in North Carolina. He obtained his Advanced Law Enforcement Certification from the North Carolina Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission. He and Michaela, his wife of nearly 25 years, have three sons—Casey, 17; Logan, 14; and Ryan, 11. C.K. says he has “one home, one wife, two cats, two dogs, three kids and more blessings from God than I can count.” He enjoys doing things with and for his family. All three boys play sports so there are lots of football games and practices to attend. The family also spends a lot of time outdoors hunting, fishing, riding the four-wheeler or just playing in the woods.

**Michael D. Hale – Lieutenant (Deputy Sheriff), Sheriff's Office.** Just missing last year's deadline, Mike enters the club with 26 years of service. He was born and raised in Galax, Virginia, and moved to North Carolina in 1978 while working for Ingold Company. In 1982, he started his law enforcement career in the Town of Catawba as a reserve officer. After completing Basic Law Enforcement Training, he set goals for his law enforcement future, which included getting transferred to the County Reserve Unit and then being hired as a fulltime deputy. He and his high school sweetheart, Shari, have been married for 31 years. They have two children—Christopher, 27, and Anne Marie, 24. Both are married and live in the Hickory area. They also have two grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. Mike likes to ride motorcycles and four-wheelers. He enjoys camping with his family, fishing, tennis, billiards, and working with his hands.

**Renee Deal Hart – E911 Addressing Coordinator, Technology.** Renee joins the Quarter Century Club with 25 years, 10 months of service. She was born in Newton at the old Catawba Hospital, which is now the Agricultural Resources Center. She says that's about as “county native” as one can get! She first started working for the County in 1974 when she was a senior in high school through the business coop program. Her first job was in the Tax Office in Personal Property. She left in late 1977 when her first child was born. She returned in 1985, working at Public Health until 1998, then went back to the Tax Office in 2001. Following a stint in the Tax office, she transferred to the GIS department as the E-911 Addressing Coordinator. Renee currently serves on the County Safety Committee, the Government Center Safety Committee (which she chairs), and the Justice Center Safety Committee. She is also a member of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association. She was Public Health Employee of the Year in 1992 and she also served on the County Employee and Social committees. Renee and her husband, Bob, have two daughters, Sommer and Brandi. Sommer and her husband have two daughters, Maris and Carlee. Brandi and her husband have three daughters, Lillian and twins Claire and Kate. The family pet is a miniature doxie named Callie. Renee loves the outdoors and spends lots of time in the yard, boating or making the trip to their beach home in Sunset Beach—close to the grandchildren! She is in the hand bell choir and senior choir.

**David A. Hewat – Paramedic/Chief Trainer, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Services.** David joins the QCC with 26 years of service (he just missed being inducted last year!). He is a native of Catawba County and currently resides in Caldwell County. David says when he graduated from the EMS program at CVCC, Catawba County EMS was the most progressive service around, so he applied! He and his wife, Jana, have a daughter and son, Savannah and Noah—as well as four horses and four dogs. David loves to ride horses and work on his farm. Most family vacations are with the horses or at the beach.

**Wilce A. Ikerd – Automotive Mechanic, Finance.** Wilce enters the Club with 25 years of service. He is a native of Catawba County and has always had an interest in working on vehicles of various makes and models. When Wilce worked with the Sheriff's Office (as early as October 1970), he and some of his fellow associates were the ones interested in getting the County to start its own Fleet Facility. Wilce has also volunteered with Maiden Rescue Squad since 1976. He has been a member of two teams nominated for Catawba County Employee Team Awards. Wilce is

married to Karen and they have three children, Alex, Steve and Daren.

**Kelly C. Isenhour – Assistant Health Director, Public Health.** Kelly joins the QCC with 25 years, 7 months of service. She grew up in Burke County. After obtaining her BS in Nursing from UNC-CH in 1983, she moved back to the area and worked as a 3<sup>rd</sup> shift nurse at Frye Regional Medical Center. Not happy with 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, she applied and interviewed for a Public Health Nurse I position. The job was given to a former employee—but all was not lost, Kelly was soon offered a position as Home Health Nurse with Catawba County. Kelly was a Public Health Employee of the Year nominee in 1995, 1997, and 2002; has won several Glaxo Smith Cline recognitions and numerous County Team Awards and several National Association of Counties team awards; and she was nominated for County Employee of the Year in 2002 and as well as a number of other recognitions. She and her husband, Allen, have one daughter, Meredith, who is a sophomore at UNC-W, and two pets. She enjoys hiking, walking, and running. She has run several 5k races. She sings in the church choir and enjoys travel—especially to warm places.

**Susan P. Moser – Public Health Nurse, Public Health.** Susan becomes a member with 25 years, 5 months of service. Her father was career military and retired to North Carolina to take a job with the State. Susan came to

Hickory to attend Lenoir-Rhyne University and never left. She has been a Team Award nominee several times, has received several department recognitions, and has had extended nurses training. She and her husband, Bill, have two daughters, Katharine and Rebecca, both of whom are students at Appalachian State University. She and Bill enjoy going to ASU football games and outside activities such as hiking, walking and traveling. Susan has been a Meals on Wheels volunteer for more than 22 years.

**Adrena L. Phillips – Certified Nursing Assistant, Public Health (now retired).** Adrena retired March 1<sup>st</sup> with 25 years of service and is a native of South Carolina. She felt a job with Catawba County was a change for the better. She received a number of certificates and years of service awards throughout her career and was a Public Health Employee of the Year nominee in 2009. Adrena has two adult children—a son living in Hickory and a daughter in Philadelphia. She enjoys reading, traveling, shopping and watching television. She attends Hartzell United Methodist church in Hickory where she is a member of the gospel choir, the Senior Fun Bunch, and the Trustee Board.

**Lynne Bolick Reed – Library Services Coordinator, Library.** Lynne joins the club with 25 years, 7 months of service. She was born in Gaston County and moved to Hickory when she was a young child. She had a short stint out of state when she was a young adult. When she first applied for a job at the library, she didn't realize the library was part of County government. She was a new mother looking for part-time work so she could be at home with her son more and was pleased to learn that the library was a part of County government because she had always appreciated the benefits that come with being employed by local government. During her career with the County, Lynne went back to college and earned her bachelor's degree, master's degree, and a graduate certificate—huge accomplishments, as a lifelong goal was to complete a college degree, and all were done while working fulltime. Lynn is married to David K. Reed and they have four adult children (Matthew, Kevin, Rachel, and Rich) and six grandchildren (Joshua, Emma, Alex, Isabella, Chloe and Dometri—and there's one on the way). Lynne is a church musician, plays the piano and organ, and loves to read. She likes to sew and recently took a class in machine quilting. She and her husband enjoy traveling and attending symphony and choral concerts and an occasional opera.

**Ona G. Scruggs – Tax Collector, Tax.** Ona becomes a member of the club with 25 years, 2 months of service. A Kokomo (Indiana) native, she moved to Catawba County following high school. Ona has a long history of local government work. She worked for awhile for the City of Newton, then Catawba County Social Services in the Child Support Unit, left the County for a few years, then returned to a position in the Tax Office, where she has been since 1989. Ona was a Team Award nominee in 1996. She has lots of extended family, including her sister and brother-in-law, brother and nieces and nephews. She likes to read mysteries, spend time with friends, and do various types of needlework. Two exciting things happened to Ona this past year—she took a ride in a hot air balloon and she moved---she says both adventures are not to be repeated soon!!

**Phyllis R. Sipes – Assistant Register of Deeds II, Register of Deeds.** Phyllis enters the QCC with 25 years, 7 months of service. She is a native of Catawba County. She received her Register of Deeds certification in February 2006. She and her husband, Ray, have two children—Jessica, a sophomore at Bandys, and Ryan, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Mill Creek Middle. The family has two pets—a black lab named Dixie and a Jack Russell named Jennie. Phyllis enjoys pro football and college basketball (GO Blue Devils) and she is currently co-chair of the United Methodist Women's circle at her

church. Family keeps her busy as Jessica does competition dance (point, hip hop, jazz, clogging, tap) which takes them to competitions in various cities (Daytona, Charleston, etc.) and Ryan is involved in scouts.

Current members of the Quarter Century Club include: (service indicated through March 31, 2009).

Bill Little, Tax	39 years, 4 months
Lee Douglas Bumgarner, Technology	38 years, 6 months
Polly Pearson, Social Services	37 years, 11 months
Tom Lundy, County Manager	37 years, 9 months
Jo Sloan, Social Services	37 years, 6 months
Kathy Johnson, Tax	36 years, 9 months
Kay Bowman, Tax	35 years, 10 months
Dean Brooks, Finance	35 years, 3 months
Rita Beaver, Register of Deeds	33 years, 11 months
Rodney Fulbright, Utilities & Engineering	32 years, 10 months
L. David Huffman, Sheriff	31 years, 11 months
Lynn Baker, Sheriff's Office	31 years, 10 months
Ray Lemmond, Jr., Technology	31 years, 9 months
Rhonda Ross, Social Services	31 years, 6 months
Judy Foster, Library	30 years, 9 months
Coy Reid, Sheriff's Office	30 years, 7 months
Chris Patton, Social Services	30 years, 2 month
Jenny Glass, Social Services	30 years
Shirley Sipe, Library	29 years, 6 months
Freddy Smith, Emergency Services	29 years, 5 months
Mark Sigmon, Emergency Services	29 years, 3 months
Kathy Lail, Tax	29 years, 4 months
Barbara Laney, Library	29 years, 2 month
Connie Killian, Planning	28 years, 8 months
Phyllis Watson, Emergency Services	28 years, 3 months
Pamela Brooks, Social Services	28 years
Terry Shull, Sheriff's Office	27 years, 7 months
Donna Stikeleather, Technology	27 years, 5 months
David Sheets, Emergency Services	27 years, 1 month
John Whitener, Emergency Services	27 years
Teri Cain, Social Services	26 years, 10 months
Vada Nixon, Public Health	26 years, 10 months
Jean Pope, Social Services	26 years, 10 months
David Robertson, Emergency Services	26 years, 11 months
Betty Jean Stinson, Library	26 years, 7 months
Penelope Hunsucker, Public Health	26 years, 6 months
Nancy Miller, Cooperative Extension	26 years, 2 month
Rick Cook, Technology	26 years, 1 month
Michael Hale, Sheriff's Office	26 years
David Hewat, Emergency Services	26 years
Renee Hart, Technology	25 years, 10 months
Gary Bolick, Emergency Services	25 years, 8 months
Kelly Isenhour, Public Health	25 years, 7 months
Lynne Reed, Library	25 years, 7 months
Phyllis Sipes, Register of Deeds	25 years, 7 months
Susan Moser, Public Health	25 years, 5 months
Sue Brewer, Tax	25 years, 3 months
Ona Scruggs, Tax	25 years, 2 months
Jerry Boggs, Technology	25 years, 1 months
C.K. Day, Sheriff's Office	25 years
Wilce Ikerd, Finance	25 years

Adrena Phillips , Public Health

25 years (reached on her retirement since the last club luncheon)

The club was entertained by a performance of the Catawba Valley Community College Show Choir. The choir is a group of auditioned singers who also dance. They come from many backgrounds with different educational aspirations. Singers receive a full scholarship to CVCC in return for their work as 'good will' ambassadors in the community. The CVCC Show Choir has performed in 10 foreign countries and 9 states.

In honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Quarter Century Club's, active club members received a special gift, a 48 x 60 inch ultraweave coverlet featuring 12 of Catawba County's historical sites and natural resources. The coverlets were designed using photographs and were milled in Forest City.

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